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The well fraught bowl
Circles incessant; whilst the humble cell
With quivering laugh, and rural jests, refounds. *Philips.*
Now the circling years disclose
The day predestin'd to reward his woes. *Pope's Odyss.*
CIRCLED. adj. [from *circle*.] Having the form of a circle; round.
Th' incessant moon,
That monthly changes in her circled orb. *Shaksp. R. and J.*
CIRCLET. n. f. [from *circle*.] A circle; an orb.
Then take repast, till Hesperus display'd
His golden circlet in the western shade. *Pope's Odyss.*
CIRCLING. participial adj. [from *To circle*.] Having the form of a circle; circular; round.
Round he surveys, and well might, where he stood
So high above the circling canopy
Of night's extended shade. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iii.*
CIRCUIT. n. f. [from *circuit*, Fr. *circuitus*, Latin.]
1. The act of moving round any thing.
The circuits, in former times, went but round about the pole; as the circuit of the cynosura about the pole. *Davies.*
There are four moons also perpetually rolling round the planet Jupiter, and carried along with him in his periodical circuit round the sun. *Watts's Improvement.*
2. The space inclosed in a circle.
He led me up
A woody mountain, whose high top was plain
A circuit wide inclos'd. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. viii.*
3. Space; extent; measured by travelling round.
He attributeth unto it smallness, in respect of circuit. *Hooker, b. v. f. 19.*
The lake of Bolsena is reckoned one and twenty miles in circuit.
4. A ring; a diadem; that by which any thing is incircled.
And this fell tempest shall not cease to rage,
Until the golden circuit on my head
Do calm the fury of this mad-brain'd flaw. *Shaksp. Hen. VI.*
5. The visitations of the judges for holding assizes.
6. The tract of country visited by the judges.
7. *Circuit of Action.* In law, is a longer course of proceeding to recover the thing sued for than is needful. *Cowell.*
To CIRCUIT. v. n. [from the noun.] To move circularly.
Pining with equinoctial heat, unless
The cordial cup perpetual motion keep,
Quick circuiting. *Philips.*
CIRCUITER. n. f. [from *circuit*.] One that travels a circuit.
Like your fellow circuiter the sun: you travel the round of the earth, and behold all the iniquities under the heavens. *Pope.*
CIRCUTION. n. f. [from *circuitus*, Latin.]
1. The act of going round any thing.
2. Compass; maze of argument; comprehension.
To apprehend by what degrees they lean to things in show, though not indeed repugnant one to another, requireth more sharpness of wit, more intricate circulations of discourse, and depth of judgment, than common ability doth yield. *Hooker.*
CIRCULAR. adj. [from *circulus*, Latin.]
1. Round, like a circle; circumscribed by a circle.
The frame thereof seem'd partly circular, *Fairy Queen, b. ii.*
And part triangular.
He first inclos'd for lists a level ground;
The form was circular. *Dryd. Fables.*
Nero's port, composed of huge moles running round it, in a kind of circular figure. *Addison's Remarks on Italy.*
2. Successive in order; always returning.
From whence th' innumerable race of things,
By circular successive order springs. *Roscommon.*
3. Vulgar; mean; circumforaneous.
Had Virgil been a circular poet, and closely adhered to history, how could the Romans have had Dido? *Dennis.*
4. *Circular Letter.* A letter directed to several persons, who have the same interest in some common affair; as in the convocation of assemblies.
5. *Circular Lines.* Such straight lines as are divided from the divisions made in the arch of a circle; as the lines of lines, tangents, and secants on the plain scale and sector.
6. *Circular Sailing,* is that performed on the arch of a great circle.
CIRCULARITY. n. f. [from *circular*.] A circular form.
The heavens have no diversity or difference, but a simplicity of parts, and equiformity in motion, continually succeeding each other; so that, from what point soever we compute, the account will be common unto the whole circularity. *Brown.*
CIRCULARLY. adj. [from *circular*.]
1. In form of a circle.
The internal form of it consists of several regions, involving one another like orbs about the same centre, or of the several elements cast circularly about each other. *Burnet.*
2. With a circular motion.
Trades, which, like blood, should circularly flow,
Stopp'd in their channels, found its freedom lost. *Dryden.*
Every body moved circularly about any center, recede, or endeavour to recede, from that center of its motion. *Ray.*
To CIRCLATE. v. n. [from *circulus*.] To move in a circle;

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to run round; to return to the place whence it departed in a constant course.
If our lives motions theirs must imitate,
Our knowledge, like our blood, must circulate. *Denham.*
Nature is a perpetual motion; and the work of the universe circulates without any interval or repose. *L'Estrange.*
In the civil wars, the money spent on both sides was circulated at home; no publick debts contracted. *Swift.*
To CIRCLATE. v. a. To put about.
CIRCULATION. n. f. [from *circulate*.]
1. Motion in a circle; a course in which the motion tends to the point from which it began.
What more obvious, one would think, than the circulation of the blood, unknown 'till the last age? *Burnet's Theory.*
As much blood passeth through the lungs as through all the rest of the body: the circulation is quicker, and heat greater, and their texture extremely delicate. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*
2. A series in which the same order is always observed, and things always return to the same state.
As for the fins of peace, thou hast brought upon us the miseries of war; so for the fins of war, thou feest fit to deny us the blessing of peace, and to keep us in a circulation of miseries.
God, by the ordinary rule of nature, permits this continual circulation of human things. *Swift on Modern Education.*
3. A reciprocal interchange of meaning.
When the apostle faith of the Jews, that they crucified the Lord of glory; and when the son of man, being on earth, affirmeth that the son of man was in heaven at the same instant, there is in these two speeches that mutual circulation before mentioned. *Hooker, b. v. f. 53.*
CIRCULATORY. n. f. [from *circulate*.] A chymical vessel, in which that which rises from the vessel on the fire, is collected and cooled in another fixed upon it, and falls down again.
CIRCULATORY. adj. [from *circulate*.] Circulatory Letters are the same with *CIRCULAR Letters*.
CIRCUMAMBENCY. n. f. [from *circumambiens*.] The act of encompassing.
Ice receiveth its figure according unto the surface whereof it conereth, or the *circumambency* which conformeth it. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. ii. c. 1.*
CIRCUMAMBIENT. adj. [from *circum* and *ambire*, Latin.] Surrounding; encompassing; inclosing.
The *circumambient* coldness towards the sides of the vessel, like the second region, cooling and condensing of it. *Wilkins.*
To CIRCUAMBULE. v. n. [from *circum* and *ambulo*, Latin.] To walk round about.
To CIRCUINCISE. v. a. [from *circumcideo*, Latin.] To cut the prepuce or foreskin, according to the law given to the Jews.
They came to *circumcise* the children. *Luke i. 59.*
One is alarmed at the industry of the whigs, in aiming to strengthen their routed party by a reinforcement from the *circumcised*. *Swift's Examiner, No. 47.*
CIRCUMCISION. n. f. [from *circumcise*.] The rite or act of cutting off the foreskin.
They left a race behind
Like to themselves, distinguishable scarce
From Gentiles, but by *circumcision* vain. *Milt. Par. Reg.*
To CIRCUINDUCT. v. a. [from *circum* and *ducere*, Latin.] To contravene; to nullify.
Acts of judicature may be cancelled and *circumducted* by the will and direction of the judge; as also by the consent of the parties litigant, before the judge has pronounced and given sentence. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*
CIRCUMDUCTION. n. f. [from *circumduct*.]
1. Nullification; cancellation.
The citation may be *circumducted*, though the defendant should not appear; and the defendant must be cited, as a *circumduction* requires. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*
2. A leading about.
CIRCUMFERENCE. n. f. [from *circumferentia*, Latin.]
1. The periphery; the line including and surrounding any thing.
Extend thus far thy bounds,
This be thy just *circumference*, O world! *Milton's Par. Lost.*
Because the hero is the center of the main action, all the lines from the *circumference* tend to him alone. *Dryd. Dufres.*
A coal of fire, moved nimbly in the *circumference* of a circle, makes the whole *circumference* appear like a circle of fire. *Newton's Opticks.*
2. The space inclosed in a circle.
So was his will
Pronounc'd among the gods, and by an oath.
That shook heav'n's whole *circumference*, confirm'd. *Milton.*
He first inclos'd for lists a level ground,
The whole *circumference* a mile around. *Dryden's Fables.*
3. The external part of an orbicular body.
The bubble, being looked on by the light of the clouds reflected from it, seem'd red at its apparent *circumference*. If the clouds were viewed through it, the colour at its *circumference* would be blue. *Newton's Opticks.*
4. An orb; a circle; any thing circular or orbicular.

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His pond'rous shield, large and round,
Behind him cast; the broad *circumference*
Hung on his shoulders like the moon. *Milton's Par. Lost.*
To CIRCUMFERENCE. v. a. [from the noun.] To include in a circular space.
Nor is the vigour of this great body included only in itself, or *circumferenced* by its surface; but diffused at indeterminate distances. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. ii. c. 2.*
CIRCUMFERENTOR. n. f. [from *circumfero*, Lat. to carry about.] An instrument used in surveying, for measuring angles, consisting of a brass circle, an index with sights, and a compass, and mounted on a staff, with a ball and socket. *Chambers.*
CIRCUMFLEX. n. f. [from *circumflexus*, Lat.] An accent used to regulate the pronunciation of syllables, including or participating the acute and grave.
The *circumflex* keeps the voice in a middle tune, and therefore in the Latin is compounded of both the other. *Holder.*
CIRCUMFLEUENCE. n. f. [from *circumfluent*.] An inclosure of waters.
CIRCUMFLUENT. adj. [from *circumfluius*, Lat.] Flowing round any thing.
I rule the Paphian race,
Whose bounds the deep *circumfluent* waves embrace,
A dutious people, and industrious ille. *Pope's Odyss.*
CIRCUMFLUOUS. adj. [from *circumfluius*, Lat.] Environing with waters.
He the world
Built on *circumfluous* waters calm, in wide
Crystalline ocean. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. vii. l. 260.*
Laertes' son girt with *circumfluous* tides. *Pope's Odyss.*
CIRCUMFORANEUS. adj. [from *circumforaneus*, Lat.] Wandering from house to house. As a *circumforaneus* fidler; one that plays at doors.
To CIRCUINFUSE. v. a. [from *circumfusio*, Lat.] To pour round; to spread every way.
Men see better, when their eyes are against the sun, or candle, if they put their hand before their eye. The glaring sun, or candle, weakens the eye; whereas the light *circumfusio* is enough for the perception. *Bacon's Nat. History.*
His army, *circumfusio* on either wing. *Milt. Par. Lost.*
Earth, with her nether ocean, *circumfusio*
Their pleasant dwelling-house. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
This nymph the god Cepheus had abus'd,
With all his winding waters *circumfusio*. *Addis. Ovi. Met.*
CIRCUMFUSILE. adj. [from *circumfusio* and *fusilis*, Lat.] That which may be poured or spread round any thing.
Artist divine, whose skillful hands unfold
The victim's horn with *circumfusile* gold. *Pope's Odyss.*
CIRCUMFUSION. n. f. [from *circumfusio*.] The act of spreading round; the state of being poured round.
To CIRCUINGYRATE. v. a. [from *circum* and *gyrus*, Lat.] To roll round.
All the glands of the body be congeries of various sorts of vessels, curled, *circumgyrated*, and complicated together. *Ray on Creation.*
CIRCUMGYRATION. n. f. [from *circumgyrate*.] The act of running round.
The sun turns round his own axis in twenty-five days, which arises from his first being put into such a *circumgyration*. *Cheyne's Philosophical Prin.*
CIRCUMJACENT. adj. [from *circumjacens*, Lat.] Lying round any thing; bordering on every side.
CIRCUMJACITION. n. f. [from *circum* and *iacere*, Lat.]
A term used by the school-divines to express the existence of three divine persons in one another, in the mystery of the trinity. *Chambers.*
CIRCUMJITION. n. f. [from *circum* and *jicere*, Latin.] The act of going round.
CIRCUMJIGATION. n. f. [from *circumjigo*, Latin.]
1. The act of binding round.
2. The bond with which any thing is encompassed.
CIRCUMLOCUTION. n. f. [from *circumlocutio*, Latin.]
1. A circuit or compass of words; periphrasis.
Virgil, studying brevity, could bring these words into a narrow compass, which a translator cannot render without *circumlocution*. *Dryden.*
I much prefer the plain Billingsgate way of calling names, because it would save abundance of time, lost by *circumlocution*. *Swift's Miscellanies.*
2. The use of indirect expressions.
These people are not to be dealt withal, but by a train of mystery and *circumlocution*. *L'Estrange.*
CIRCUMMURED. adj. [from *circum* and *murus*, Lat.] Walled round; encompassed with a wall.
He hath a garden *circummur'd* with bricks. *Shaksp.*
CIRCUMNAVIGABLE. adj. [from *circumnavigare*.] That which may be sailed round.
The being of Antipodes, the habitableness of the torrid zone, and the rendering the whole terraqueous globe *circumnavigable*. *Ray on the Creation.*
To CIRCUINAVIGATE. v. a. [from *circum* and *navigo*, Lat.] To sail round.

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CIRCUMNAVIGATION. n. f. [from *circumnavigare*.] The act of sailing round.
What he says concerning the *circumnavigation* of Africa, from the straits of Gibraltar to the Red Sea, is very remarkable. *Arbutnot on Coins.*
CIRCUMPLICATION. n. f. [from *circumplacio*, Lat.]
1. The act of enwrapping on every side.
2. The state of being enwrapped.
CIRCUMPOLAR. adj. [from *circum* and *polaris*.] Stars near the North pole, which move round it, and never set in the Northern latitudes, are said to be *circumpolar stars*.
CIRCUMPOSITION. n. f. [from *circum* and *positio*.] The act of placing any thing circularly.
Now is your season for *circumposition*, by tiles or baskets of earth. *Evelyn's Calendar.*
CIRCUMRA'SION. n. f. [from *circumrasio*, Latin.] The act of shaving or paring round.
CIRCUMROTATION. n. f. [from *circum* and *rotatio*, Lat.]
1. The act of whirling round with a motion like that of a wheel. *Circumvolution.*
2. The state of being whirled round.
To CIRCUMSCRIBE. v. a. [from *circum* and *scribo*, Latin.]
1. To inclose in certain lines or boundaries.
2. To bound; to limit; to confine.
The good Andronicus,
With honour and with fortune is return'd;
From whence he *circumscribed* with his sword,
And brought to yoke th' enemies of Rome. *Shaksp. Tit. An.*
Therefore must his choice be *circumscrib'd*
Unto the voice and yielding of that body,
Whereof he's head. *Shaksp. Hamlet.*
And form'd the pow'rs of heav'n
Such as he pleas'd, and *circumscrib'd* their being! *Milton.*
The action great, yet *circumscrib'd* by time;
The words not forc'd, but sliding into rhyme. *Dryden.*
We see that the external circumstances which do accompany mens acts, are those which do *circumscribe* and limit them. *Stillington.*
You are above
The little forms which *circumscribe* your sex. *Southern.*
CIRCUMSCRIPTION. n. f. [from *circumscripio*, Latin.]
1. Determination of particular form or magnitude.
In the *circumscription* of many leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds, nature affects a regular figure. *Ray on the Creation.*
2. Limitation; boundary; contraction; confinement.
I would not my unhoused free condition,
Put into *circumscription* and confine. *Shaksp. Othello.*
CIRCUMSCRIPTIVE. adj. [from *circumscribo*.] Inclosing the superficies; marking the form or limits on the outside.
Stones regular, are distinguished by their external forms: such as is *circumscriptive*, or depending upon the whole stone, as in the eagle-stone; and this is properly called the figure. *Grew's Musum.*
CIRCUMSPECT. adj. [from *circumspectum*, Lat.] Cautious; attentive to every thing; watchful on all sides.
None are for me,
That look into me with confid'rate eyes:
High-reaching Buckingham grows *circumspect*. *Shak. R. III.*
Men of their own nature *circumspect* and flow, but at the time discountenanced and discontent. *Haywood.*
The judicious doctor had been very watchful and *circumspect*, to keep himself from being imposed upon. *Boyle.*
CIRCUMSPECTION. n. f. [from *circumspectio*.] Watchfulness on every side; cautious; general attention.
Observe the sudden growth of wickedness, from want of care and *circumspection* in the first impressions. *Clarendon.*
So saying, his proud step he scornful turn'd,
But with fly *circumspection*. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iv.*
CIRCUMSPECTIVE. adj. [from *circumspectio*, *circumspectum*, Latin.] Looking round every way; attentive; vigilant; cautious.
No less alike the politic and wife,
All fly slow things, with *circumspective* eyes. *Pope's Essay.*
CIRCUMSPECTIVELY. adv. [from *circumspectio*.] Cautiously; vigilantly; attentively; with watchfulness every way; watchfully.
CIRCUMSPECTUALLY. adv. [from *circumspectus*.] With watchfulness every way; cautiously; watchfully; vigilantly.
Their authority weighs more with me than the concurrent suffrages of a thousand eyes, who never examined the thing so carefully and *circumspectively*. *Ray on the Creation.*
CIRCUMSPECTNESS. n. f. [from *circumspectus*.] Caution; vigilance; watchfulness on every side.
Travel forces *circumspectness* on those abroad, who at home are nursed in security. *Wotton.*
CIRCUMSTANCE. n. f. [from *circumstantia*, Latin.]
1. Something appendant or relative to a fact: the same to a moral action as accident to a natural substance.
When men are ingenious in picking out *circumstances* of contempt, they do kindle their anger much. *Facot's Essays.*
Our confessing or concealing persecuted truths, vary and change their very nature, according to different *circumstances* of time, place and persons. *Couth.*
2. The